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2. Planning Area/Site Number: 12/2 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 5 I-4

4. Address: 23615 West Harris Road, Dickerson

5. Classification Summary

Category	buildings	Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Ownership	private	Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Public Acqui	sition N/A	Historical Sites
Status	occupied	
Accessible	no	Federal State x County x Local
Present use_	private residence	/agriculture

6. Date: c.1797 c.1820

7. Original Owner: Joseph Harris (c. 1797) William Hays (? c. 1820)

8. Apparent Condition

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10. Significance: The Harris houses are part of the 200 year old legacy of the Hays and Harris families of Barnesville. By 1752 Jeremiah Hays bought several hundred acres. The village of Barnesville was later laid out on this tract by one of his nephews, Abraham Hays. Jeremiah's brother George and his son Leonard amassed large holdings, and at Leonard's death in 1821 he left each of four sons 200 acres. His youngest son William S. was left the property containing the log portion of the present main house. At the same time Joseph Harris was buying and clearing lands, and in 1786 he named one tract "Mount Zion". At his death in 1797 his 1,300 acres were divided into seven 150 acre plantations with dwelling houses.

The 100 years of Harris ownership of this property began in 1846 when Sarah Pyle Harris purchased 259 acres. In 1868 she conveyed most of this acreage to Solomon and Abraham Harris. Solomon is not mentioned after 1883 but Abraham lived until 1907 and his widow until 1932. Probably during this whole period extensive alterations were made to both the tenant house and the main house. The property was sold out of the Harris family in 1947.

Mary B. Watkins purchased it in 1962.

Michael Dwyer 1. Researcher and date researched: Anne Cissel-6/79 Arch Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation

Approval\_\_\_\_

15. Acreage: 286 acres

### INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Over 200 years ago the area around present day Barnesville was settled by members of the Hays and Harris families. The Harris houses are a remnant and reminder of that early period and of the later generations of Hays/Harris descendants who lived there.

As early as 1752 Jeremiah Hays bought several hundred acres near the Little Monocacy, which he named "Jeremiah Park". The village of Barnes-ville was later laid out on this tract by one of his nephews, Abraham Hays. Jeremiah moved further down-county but his brother George Hays remained in the area around Sugar Loaf Mountain and the lands later intersected by the Frederick-Montgomery County dividing line.

In the same period a Joseph Harris was buying and clearing the lands south of the new county line. He had purchased a small portion, 96 acres, I "Jeremiah Park" from Hays in 1756. but his main holdings were purchased later and consisted of a 1,217 acre tract on the Little Monocacy called "White Oak Swamp Enlarged" which he renamed "Mount Zion" in 1786. When Joseph Harris died in 1797 he had already divided "Mount Zion" into seven parts for his heirs and his children already had their "plantations". These plantations averaged about 150 acres with a dwelling house.

Unlike Joseph Harris, George Hays and his son Leonard had amassed their holdings over a period of several years and from many different owners, including George's brother Jeremiah. Leonard's land comprised parts of lands grants called: "Elysian Fields", "Hopson's Choyce", "Knee Deep", "Rocky Fountain", "Hopewell" and "Resurvey on That's It". Some of these surveys and grants straddle both counties and are recorded in Frederick records. Montgomery county records include: T/35, V/272, W/119 and Tax Records 1820-24, pp. 132-133.

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At the time of his death in 1821, Leonard Hays was established as a merchant and farmer in Barnesville. In his will he left each of his four sons a holding of approximately 200 acres. His youngest son William S. Hays received 225 acres of "Hobson's Choice", other lands and a house and lot in Barnesville. It is likely that the log portion of the Harris house was being used by a tenant farmer for the Hayses or that 25-year-old William lived there himself. In 1827 William received another 24 acres. These lands still form the nucleus of the present day Watkins holdings of 286 acres.

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet B

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ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	June 1979
STREET & NUMBE	Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust

The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

Harris Houses

During the 1830-40's the farm lands of Maryland were worn out from the tobacco cultivation. Some of the younger generation of Hayes and Harrises moved to Missouri in search of better land. One of those to go was Abraham, William's brother, who had been one of the Commissioners who laid out the village of Barnesville. Several of Abraham's children decided to remain, having intermarried with the neighboring families of Harris, Pyles, and Poole. In 1836 when William Hays sold the land to John Poole, William Harris was a tenant on it.

The hundred years of Harris ownership of this property started in 1846 when Sarah Pyle Harris chose to sell the slaves her father had given her and with the money purchased 259 acres.

The 1865 Martenet & Bond map lists Norris Harris as occupying the house platted on this property, but it would still belong to Sarah until 1868. In 1868 she conveyed 24 acres of "Hopewell" and "Resurvey on That's It" and the 225 acres of "Hobson's Choise", ...lying on the west side of the public road from Urbana to the Mouth of Monocacy...." to Solomon and Abraham Harris.

The 1879 Hopkins Atlas shows two houses on the property. However, since both houses still show some log construction, it is probable that the extensive alteration and additions that were being made and would continue to be made during the latter part of the 19th century, were being made on the long-existing structures, one main house and one tenant house. Perhaps the tenant house was enlarged for the use of one of the brothers or another tenant. One wonders what happened to Solomon after 1883, for in that year he sued his wife for divorce and sued his brother for Specific Performance on a contract. No results of these suits are indexed, but whatever the outcome Solomon disappears from documents and is never mentioned again.

Abraham died in 1907, but his widow lived until 1932. The farm was offered for sale in the following advertisement in 1934: "To take place in front of the mansion house...improvements include:

One nine-room dwelling house with furnace and bath, a tenant house of seven rooms; one small two-room outhouse and two bank barns, one 30 x 50 and one 45 x 72; meathouse, blacksmith, corn house, ice house, hay barn, small orchard and about twenty acres of good oak timber." One of the Harris sons, Harvey, purchased the homestead for \$6,000.

The property remained in the Harris family until 1947. Today it is owned by Mary B. Watkins who purchased it in 1962. The address is now Harris Road in recognition of the Harrises who lived up and down its length from Ephraim Harris' store at the county line to the southernmost section of "Mount Zion". The road is lined with their historic homes of which this is one.

#### FOOTNOTES:

See Attachment Sheet B

#### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION 8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Richard Ferrara, Director, Department MARNAND HISTORICAL

Community Development

John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental

Protection

✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation

Office

Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation

Commission

FROM:

Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North

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SUBJECT:

Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master

Plan for Historic Preservation

I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr Enclosure Board. Upon receiving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to make its determination using the same criteria, considering the purposes of the Ordinance, and balancing the importance of the historic property with other public interests.

If the Planning Board decides to place the historic resource on the <u>Master Plan</u>, it will then recommend a master plan amendment to the County. The County Council may hold a hearing before it acts, if appropriate. Upon approval by the Council and adoption by the Planning Board of the proposed amendment, the historic resource would then become designated on the <u>Master Plan</u>, and, thus, subject to the protection of the Ordinance.

#### THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this proposed Amendment is to add several historic sites and resources to chapter 4 of the <u>Naster Plan for Historic Preservation</u>, and to create a new Appendix, listing historic sites or resources which have been determined not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

The following historic sites and resources are recommended for inclusion in chapter 4: (A map of the site's location is provided on the page indicated.)

10/48 Kingsley School (p. 8)

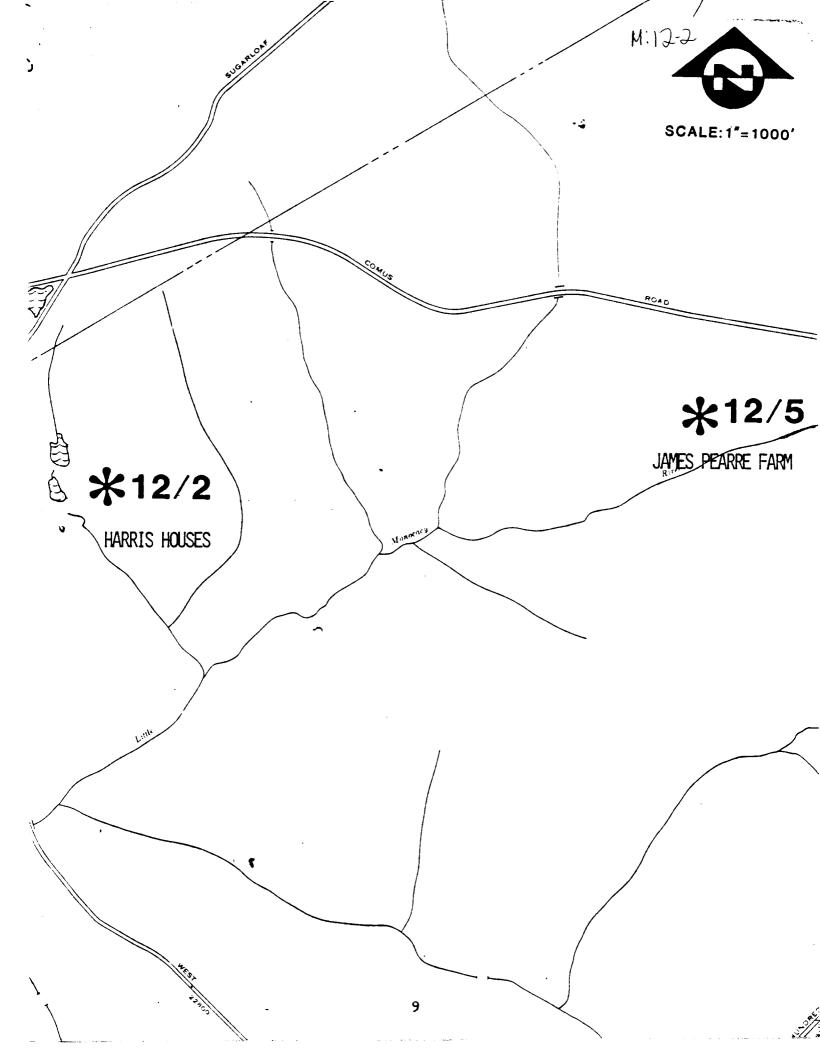
- 1893 -- Unaltered on >-room school house.
- Typical of the County's system in the late 1800's.
- The entire parcel of 1.9 acres is designated with a potential to reduce the environmental setting to one acre, the land area historically associated with one-room school houses.

12/2 Harris Houses (p. 9)

- 19th century farmstead associated with the Hays/Harris families, early settlers of the Barnesville area.
- Both houses are examples of the sectional growth of log dwellings later expanded by frame additions.
- Because the acreage associated with this site is protected under a conservation easement, the site is designated with an environmental setting for approximately 8.5 acres to include the main house and yards, the tenant house, and the bank barn along with the substantial vegetation and environmental features (portion of the stream vailey) which define the farmstead.

12/5 James Pearre Farm (p. 9)

Mid-19th century brick farmhouse with unusual double external chimneys.





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LOCATION HARRIS Rd. BARNESVILLE, Hd

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PHOTO TAKEN 4/25/74 MFB



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LOCATION HARRIS Rd. BARNESVILLE, Md.

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NAME HARRIS / WATKINS FARM

LOCATION HARRIS Rd BARNESVILLE, Hd.

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NAME HARRIS / WATKINS BARN

LOCATION HARRIS Rd. BARNESVILLE, Md.

FACADE NE

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NAME NORRIS & ABRAHAM HARRIS HOUSE.

LOCATION HARRIS RL BARNESVILLE, Md.

FACADE S

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NAME SAUL HARRIS HOUSE

LOCATION HARRIS Rd. BARNES VILLE MA

FACADE 2ND STORY PORCH - LOOKING SE

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NAME SAUL HARRIS HOUSE

LOCATION HARRIS P.d. BARNESVILLE, M.d.

FACADE W

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NAME NORRIS & ABRAHAY HARRIS HOUSE

LOCATION HARRIS Rd BARNESUICLE, Hd

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